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1. The following carloads of munitions were turned over to the Chinese Communists by the Soviet authorities:

25 September 1946	17 train carloads
17 December 1946	12 train carloads
6 January 1947	14 train carloads

The bulk of the munitions in these cars were Japanese Model 38 rifles. There were also forty "knee mortars", ninety-one light machine guns, 265 heavy machine guns, and twenty small artillery pieces. Locomotives and electric generators were also turned over to the Chinese Communists by the Soviets.

2. Between November 1946 and May 1947 an estimated 55,000 tons of foodstuffs were shipped to the USSR via Manchouli (117-27, 49-36). The largest shipments were made in November, December and January, when an average of six trains of twenty cars each passed over the USSR border at Manchouli daily. Each car carried an average of thirty tons of foodstuffs, consisting mainly of flour, soybeans and wheat. Kaoliang, corn, millet, bean oil, meat and other foodstuffs were included in the later shipments.

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3. The Soviet Far East Trading Company is in charge of the shipments of foodstuffs, horses, and cattle to the USSR from the various hsien around Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49). Shipments are routed by rail from Chiamussu to Hutou (虎頭) (2134-00, 46-15), which is on the west bank of the Ussuri River. All of the railway personnel in Hutou are Russians (?Soviet citizens) with the exception of a Chinese services section (?laborers).

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4. In September 1946 the Soviet Far East Trading Company began to purchase large amounts of leather shoes and furs for shipment to the USSR. Between September 1946 and August 1947 seventy-eight tons of furs and shoes passed through Manchouli en route to the USSR.

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5. Between 15 September and 24 November 1947 the Soviet Far East Shipping Company and the Soviet Far East Trading Company shipped to the USSR the following

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estimated amounts of materials:

Wheat	71 carloads (30 tons each)
Soybeans	206 carloads (30 tons each)
Kaoliang	313 carloads (30 tons each)
Beancakes	28,600 cakes (52-54 catties each)
Large cowhides	181 bundles (7 skins each)
Calf hides	346 bundles (20 skins each)
Sheepskins	510 bundles
Cattle skins	1 bundle (63 skins)
Miscellaneous skins	6 bundles

At present (30 January 1948) these companies are active in purchasing and shipping provisions to the USSR.

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6. The following shipments were made to the USSR (?through Hulou) in the periods between the dates indicated:

Between 4 and 30 September 1947

Soybeans	451 carloads (30 tons each)
Wheat	96 carloads (30 tons each)
Corn	65 carloads (30 tons each)
Kaoliang	30 carloads (30 tons each)
Tobacco	60 bags (130 catties each)
Hemp	205 bundles (170 catties each)
Sheepskins	120 bundles (40 skins each)
Miscellaneous skins	40 bundles
Cattle	29 head
Horses	41 head

Between 1 and 31 October 1947

Soybeans	899 carloads
Wheat	150 carloads
Corn	200 carloads
Kaoliang	70 carloads
Tobacco	230 bags
Hemp	490 bundles
Sheepskins	90 bundles
Miscellaneous skins	210 bundles
Cattle	305 head
Horses	205 head

Between 1 and 30 November 1947

Soybeans	692 carloads
Wheat	158 carloads
Corn	219 carloads
Kaoliang	51 carloads
Tobacco	104 bags
Hemp	298 bundles
Sheepskins	296 bundles
Miscellaneous skins	30 bundles
Cattle	487 head
Horses	116 head

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